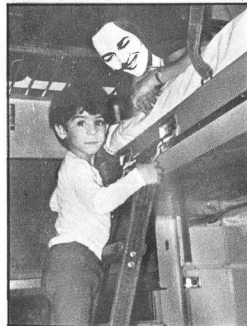


ed to keep it selah.) I asked him, "Why? Who told you that?" Dito said, "Sara, are we going to Portugal?" "Yes!" He also said soon after that he wanted to go to France & asked if it was cold there, I guess he imagined in his little mind the map of Spain, & realised that France & Portugal were connecting countries & for that reason we must be going to one or the other. Pretty smart, & pretty psychic boy!

7. WHENEVER WE HAVE THESE SUDDEN CHANGES & the spirit is really heavy, Davidito is so in tune that it's just almost spooky! It confirms to me how he really does know what is going on all the time, but just says so when things get so heavy & when we SORT of need his confirmation in the Spirit. The train ride was fun & he really enjoyed climbing up & down the bunkbed ladders,



Up, up & away! Movin' to Portugal!

then kissing Mommy & Daddy goodnight. I was very pleased to be his travelin' buddy & really looking forward to having more personal, special time with him. He also read the signs in English on the train & everywhere, & said if any little children came in, like Davida, he would "read the danger signs for them so they wouldn't get hurt".

8. THE ONLY PROBLEM WITH TRAIN TRAVELS is that he hates so much the dirty smelly toilets, he "holds" it & can hardly let himself go potty while on the train: I make sure

to line the entire toilet seat with toilet paper if we have to sit on it (because it's so difficult to hold a child over the toilet on a moving train!)--and definitely have to wash hands with soap afterwards. Even before lifting the lid to go pee-pee, Dito will first take a piece of tissue in hand before handling the toilet lid! It's a good tip to always carry your own tissues & perfume packaged towelettes to public toilets in case there is no toilet paper or soap available there.

9. IN LISBOA we stayed in a hotel for about two or three days & there had school in the room everyday. He started with devotions & then read part of his Ladybird books. He liked very much writing a book report on the four or five pages that we would read together, & he also wrote a report for Mommy & Daddy about our travels. He showed a great interest in the book on firemen & policemen. We did workbooks & dot-to-dot exercises everyday.

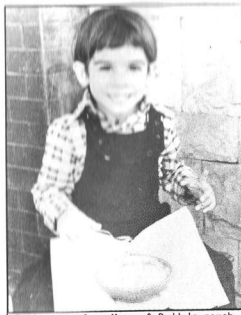
10. THIS CHANGE WAS GOOD FOR HIM, as they always are, although he seemed a little bit insecure, because everytime we'd take his hand & start to go somewhere he'd say rather worried, "What country are we going to go to now?" But just a little word of explanation is all he'd need before starting out on our next pioneer venture!

11. FOR SEVERAL DAYS ONLY DAVIDITO, ALFRED & I TOOK CARE OF MOMMY, DADDY, TIMOTHY & THE small hotel/apartment we rented in our new location, a tourist area near Lisboa. Soon Sue rejoined us & we invited German Christina to help again on our staff for the remainder of our short 2-week stay there.

12. WE WERE ALL KEPT PLENTY BUSY with shopping, cooking, answering mail, typing, housework, laundry, phone calls, learning & schooltime, meeting local personnel & having family talks with Dad. Dito proved to be a real big help to the work load & was content & understanding to play all by himself when we'd have other work to do.

13. DAVID WAS ASSIGNED SEVERAL DAILY JOBS to do, such as squeezing oranges for Daddy's orange juice every night, & he's always enthusiastic about washing dishes & mopping the floor like a real handyman. I tried to include him in our kitchen projects, but as usual, he wasn't that interested because he is so overly cautious about sharp knives & the hot stove, etc. When he opened the kitchen drawer & found a strange looking can opener he said, "Now what kind of a mechanism is this?" Ha!

14. HE ALWAYS OFFERS TO HELP ME EMPTY THE GARBAGE, & when I take it out to the street David holds open the door for me & says,



Eating cereal on Mommy & Daddy's porch.

"Don't get cold, Sara! Hurry back in here!" He is always super concerned whenever he sees or hears that someone has a little scratch or bump, & he asks all sorts of questions as to how it got there, did we pray for it & to be sure to keep it clean, etc. I can see how he is growing in the Lord by the way he treats others so considerately & has been so very well behaved, TTL!

15. HE HAS BEEN VERY VERY GOOD & QUIET in the apartment, which is hard to do for an active 3-year-old boy, but all in consideration for Mommy & Daddy who usually sleep all morning & work in the late afternoon & evenings into the late night.

16. WHENEVER WE'RE OUT FOR A WALK IN TOWN, he talks continually & sings every song he can think of--including HIS Favourites, "Wagon Train for Jesus" & "1 Thes. 4:16". He came back in from a walk in town with a big tall tale about how a motor bike had fallen on its side & a boy went flying over the handle bars & crashed on the road! I thought, "My Lord! I hope he didn't see some gruesome accident!" But Alf said it was only a boy who was trying to start his motorbike & fell over to one side while trying to hold it up & get it started. Davidito really is dramatic & super expressive.--Makes interesting tales!

17. ONE MORNING WHEN MOMMY SUGGESTED THAT HE COME OUT TO THE PORCH TO PLAY WITH HER he told her, "I had better change my clothes first because these are my nice pants &

Sara would like for me to change them before I play out on the dirty porch." Mommy later said to me, "This shows you can teach a child how to care for things if you explain & reason with them." He'd decided by himself that he should change his pants with no prompting from us!

18. ONE NIGHT HE WOKE UP REAL GROGGY-EYED, then staggered into the bathroom & looked at me with those dreamy, big eyes & said, "Sara, the more I talk with you, the more I love you!" Isn't that sweet? Sometimes when he looks at me Daddy says, "Look at those eyes, he's really in love!"

19. KENAZ & HODIAH, NOW KOS'S MADE THIS REMARK ABOUT DAVIDITO: "He has such a beautiful spirit. He's so good. It's a pleasure to even just look at him!" Davidito also met this month's English Ruth, Zebediah, Leah, Jay & Aola, & Cephas, all in Portugal.

20. A NEW FUN THING WE FOUND TO PLAY WITH INDOORS IS CALLED "SILLY PUTTY", a rubbery bouncy ball that you can stretch & bounce & also make prints from newspapers with. A funny thing happened one night when Dito threw it somewhere but couldn't find it, so he went downstairs to tell Daddy. It was late at night so Daddy told him that maybe he got into bed, he'd then find it. Well, if he kept looking everywhere for another hour or so, by which time Dito was really upset that he couldn't find it, & finally he went on upstairs to bed. And guess where the "Silly Putty" was?--Right inside his foldup bed--all squished together on the sheets, way down in the crack!--Now how did it get in there??? Daddy was right!

21. DITO HAS LEARNED TO SAY THE LORD'S PRAYER IN SPANISH & ENGLISH BOTH in song & in verse. One little game that helped him review his Spanish was playing with a little paper doll boy with clothing articles, whom we called "Miquel". Every time we talked & played with the paper doll boy we said the whole conversation in Spanish, describing his clothing, the colours, telling testimonies, etc. Davidito enjoyed it immensely & it was a fun little lesson too, learning how to witness "on Español"!

22. ONE DAY I PLANNED A GAME OF "CLUES" for after his nap. I wrote several little messages on paper & hid them around the house & told him when he got up from his nap that there was a surprise waiting downstairs for him. He found the number one clue right on the table, & after reading the directions, followed on to the next numbered clues real well: Go to the fireplace, look under the first step, Next go to the porch, On the telephone, Peek on the dishrack, Behind the broom, etc., until he found number seven which said, "Here's your